

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

WILLIAM BURCH,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	Case No. 06-CV-1030-JPG
)	
CHAMPION LABORATORIES, INC.,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

GILBERT, District Judge:

This matter comes before the Court on defendant's motion to consolidate this case into *Champion Laboratories, Inc. v. Burch*, Case No. 06-4031 (S.D. Ill) (Doc. 49). Plaintiff has responded to this motion (Doc. 51) and with that response, requested a bifurcated trial. Defendant opposes plaintiff's request for a bifurcated trial.

For the reasons stated in defendant's motion, and pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 42, the motion to consolidate is **GRANTED**. This matter is consolidated into Case No. 06-4031-JPG. All future pleadings in the matter shall be filed in Case No. 06-4031-JPG. The Court **RESERVES RULING** on Burch's request for a bifurcated trial.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 5, 2007.

s/ J. Phil Gilbert
J. PHIL GILBERT
U.S. District Judge